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FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTS MY TEL 1773

KHRUSHCHEV IN SPEAKING OF VISIT TO AMERICA SAID AMERICAN
PEOPLE MUCH LIKE RUSSIAN PEOPLE AND ABOVE ALL HAD IN COMMON
A LOVE OF PEACE.

THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF IDEOLOGY WHICH KHRUSHCHEV
SAID HE WAS SOMETIMES CALLED A LIBERAL WHICH HE DEFINITELY
WAS NOT. HE WAS A COMMUNIST AND HAD BECOME ONE BY WORKING
IN A FRENCH FACTORY AND A BELGIAN MINE. SOONER OR LATER
THE WORLD WOULD COME TO COMMUNISM BUT IN THE MEANTIME
WE HAD TO LIVE TOGETHER AND HAVE PEACE. I POINTED OUT
HE HAD BEEN TALKING OF THE CAPITALISM OF A HALF-CENTURY
AGO I ADDED THAT WE WERE THE ONES WHO REALLY BELIEVED
IN COEXISTENCE SINCE OUR IDEOLOGY DID NOT HOLD THAT
ONE SYSTEM HAD TO PREVAIL EVERYWHERE.

I REFERRED TO LODGE'S VISIT AND SAID I HOPED MORE SOVIET
LEADERS WOULD VISIT THE US. KHRUSHCHEV SAID HE AGREED
AND POINTED OUT THAT THEY WERE SENDING A NUMBER OF
REPUBLIC OFFICIALS TO RETURN THE VISIT OF OUR GOVERNORS.

DE REAN'S RECOLLECTION IS THAT KHRUSHCHEV SAID THEY HAD
50 BOMBS FOR BRITAIN, 30 FOR WEST GERMANY AND IF NEED BE
AN ADDITIONAL 30 FOR FRANCE. KHRUSHCHEV OBSERVED THAT THE
BRITISH THEMSELVES SAID 9 BOMBS WOULD BE ENOUGH.

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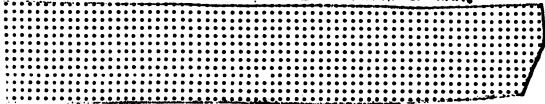
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DE JEAN POINTS OUT THAT KHRUSHCHEV DID NOT FIX ANY DATE FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE BERLIN PROBLEM. I AM CLEAR IN MY MEMORY THAT HIS EXACT WORDS WERE "IF WE DON'T REACH AGREEMENT AT THE MEETING ON MAY 16 I WILL CONCLUDE A SEPARATE PEACE TREATY". HE DID NOT RELATE STATEMENT DIRECTLY TO A SOLUTION OF THE BERLIN PROBLEM BUT DID SAY CLEARLY THAT IT WOULD END OUR RIGHTS IN BERLIN. HE THEN SAID THAT ACCESS TO BERLIN BY AIR, LAND AND WATER WOULD BE CONTROLLED BY THE EAST GERMANS.



THE ENTIRE CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF GREAT AFFABILITY ON HIS PART INTERSPERSED WITH PROFESSIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND REMARKS ON THE FUTILITY OF WAR.



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